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[REDACTED] reports that CDU-SMA relations are undergoing a change and that the SMA Political Division is being purged. Tulpanov has been recalled, along with Captain Crassin, the Russian political officer who has had most contact with CDU leaders.

- Source reports that CDU leaders have been called to Karlshorst frequently within the last two weeks. CDU leaders say that the SMA recognizes the vote-getting success of the CDU throughout Germany. The SMA has warned the CDU to avoid too much contact with the SPD, hinting that the latter will never be allowed to grow strong in the Russian Zone.
- Source states that current opinion among CDU leaders is as follows: The SMA is ready to back the Kaiser wing of the CDU as the least reactionary element in the CDU. The SMA assumes that the SPD throughout Germany will adopt the same anti-Russian course which won it a spectacular victory in Berlin. Inasmuch as the SPD has failed to spread into the other zones, and because the KPD is very weak, the Russians are turning to the CDU in a last effort to salvage Russian prestige.
- Russian-licensed papers have been instructed not to attack Josef Müller, who, along with Kaiser, is following a "German" policy, in contrast to the separatist policy of the Bavarian CSU right wing and of Konrad Adenauer in the British Zone. Adenauer wishes to make western Germany independent and to incorporate it into a European bloc under British leadership. In line with this goal, Adenauer is ready to write off Germany east of the Elbe-Fulda line, including Berlin.

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5. [REDACTED] source reports that Dr. Andreas Hermes and another member of the CDU had dinner in Karlshorst on 20 December with General Georgiev and Colonel Slavin and is now on good terms with the SMA Political Division.
6. Another source reports that SPD officials in the Russian Sector of Berlin recently have been questioned at length by Russian authorities. Source concludes from the line of questioning taken by the Russians that the SMA is considering relicensing the SPD in the Russian Zone. The Berlin SPD reportedly has been maintaining illegal contact with the provinces, and SPD officials believe that they would score a decisive victory over the SED if the SPD should be licensed in the Russian Zone.
7. [REDACTED] source reports that the SED has been worried about the possible reappearance of the SPD in the Russian Zone; recently, however, the fears have lessened. It is argued that the SED now controls all administrations and offices in the zone and that no new election is to be held for years. In the meantime, the SED will have every opportunity to strengthen its position.

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